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1. BEGIN SUMMARY - ON APRIL 10 AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY OFFICER MURRAY MELEAN FILLED IN USLO OFFICER ON HIS RECENT TRIP TO SHANGHAI AND NANKING. SOOCHOW AND SHANGHAI APPEARED QUIET, AND IN WUHSI MCLEAN SAW ONLY SOME TATTERED POSTERS WHICH SEEMED TO TRYING TO INFUSE LIFE INTO THE ANTI-LIN, ANTI-CONFUCIUS MOVEMENT. IN ANHWEI, NANKING AND SHANTUNG, HE SAW POSTERS CRITICIZING THE PROVINCIAL LEADERSHIP. END SUMMARY.

2. ANHWEI - AT PANGPU, ANHWEI, MCLEAN SAW MANY POSTERS
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CALLING FOR THE OVERTHROW OF LI TEH-SHENG (REPORTED

REFS A & B) AND LABELING HIM A DIEHARD FOLLOWER (SZUTANG) OF LIN PIAO. ONE LARGE PAINTED POSTER DEMANDED THE OVERTHROW OF LI AND ANHWEI PARTY SECRETARY SUNG P'EI-CHANG. (POSTER REPORTED REF B NEAR THE ANWEI BORDER VERY LIKELY ALSO REFERRED TO SUNG P'EI-CHANG).

3. NANKING - MCLEAN WAS IN NANKING APRIL 5 & 6 AND HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO READ A LARGE NUMBER OF POSTERS AND AT LEAST ONE PROVINCIAL NEWSPAPER. AS NOTED IN REF B, THERE WERE NUMEROUS POSTERS PUT UP AROUND TOWN, THOUGH NO INTERESTING ONES WERE NEAR THE TRAIN STATION. MCLEAN HAD THE IMPRESSION THAT THE CAMPAIGN HAD JUST STARTED A NEW PHASE IN NANKING AND NOTED THAT ALL OF THE POSTERS HE SAW WERE DATED FROM APRIL 1. THE POSTERS APPEARED TO DOUBLE ON THE SECOND DAY THAT HE WAS THERE AND IN MANY PLACES PEOPLE WERE GATHERED TEN-DEEP TO READ THEM. THE PEOPLE SEEMED TENSE AND APPREHENSIVE.

4. THE POSTERS CRITICIZED THE KIANGSU PROVINCIAL PARTY LEADERSHIP, SPECIFICALLY WU TA-SHENG, YANG KUANG-LI, AND CHIANG K'O. ONE 19-PAGE POSTER READ BY MCLEAN WAS ADDRESSED TO THESE THREE AND NANKING MUNICIPAL PARTY LEADERS FANG MIN AND LIU CH'K-CHANG, ACCUSING THEM OF MISTAKES AND CRIMES. SPECIFICALLY, THEY WERE CHARGED WITH: A) FAILURES IN IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CAMPAIGN SUCH AS SITTING IN IVORY TOWERS, TRYING TO KEEP THE MOVEMENT ACADEMIC, AND ATTEMPTING TO KEEP A LID ON IT; B) SUPPORTING CRIMES IN KIANGSU PROVINCE BY LIN PIAO AND HIS ASSOCIATES, SUCH AS PUTTING ON "POISONOUS" PLAYS, ALLOWING MAO'S TRAIN TO BE SABOTAGED IN KIANGSU, AND CONCOCTING PLANS TO SPEND A MILLION YUAN ON BUILDING TWO EXHIBITION HALLS IN SOOCHOW TO GLORIFY THE CHING KANG SHAN PERIOD; AND C) CARRYING OUT UNSUBSTANTIATED ARRESTS OF REVOLUTIONARY WORKERS AND STUDENTS USING THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE DIRECTIVE TO ELIMINATE 516 ELEMENTS AS A PRETEXT TO DESTROY THE PROVINCIAL PARTY LEADERSHIP OPPONENTS IN KIANGSU. THIS LAST SEEMD DIRECTED SPECIFICALLY AGAINST CHIANG K'O AND MCLEAN ASKED IF WE HAD ANY INFORMATION WHICH MIGHT SUBSTANTIATE HIS HUNCH THAT CHIANG K'O IS THE HEAD OF THE PUBLIC SECURITY

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BUREAU IN KIANGSU. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING DEPARTMENT OR HONG KONG HAS ON THIS THAT WE COULD PASS MCCLEAN.

5. THE LONGER POSTER ENDED WITH FOUR DEMANDS: 1) THE PROVINCIAL COMMITTEE LEADERS SHOULD RELEASE THE PRISONERS THEY HOLD AND ADMIT THEIR MISTAKES; 2) THEY SHOULD MOVE TO FULLY PROMOTE THE ANTI-LIN, ANTI-CONFUCIUS CAMPAIGN AND IMPLEMENT MAO'S DIRECTIVE ON THE SUBJECT; 3) THEY

SHOULD STOP PERSECUTING PEOPLE AND CEASE THEIR INVESTIGATIONS; AND 4) THEY SHOULD GIVE FULL PLAY TO THE FOUR BIGS AS LAID OUT BY THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE. THIS AND OTHER POSTERS WERE SIGNED BY FOUR MASS ORGANIZATIONS -- THE LOCAL TRADE UNION GROUP, THE POOR, LOWER AND MIDDLE PEASANT ASSOCIATION, THE COMMUNIST YOUTH LEAGUE, AND THE WOMEN'S FEDERATION.

6. ON APRIL 2 A MASS RALLY WAS HELD IN NANKING ORGANIZED BY THE PROVINCIAL TRADE UNION CONGRESS AND "WORKERS" TO CRITICIZE THE PROVINCIAL LEADERS. AN APRIL 5 PROVINCIAL NEWSPAPER READ BY MCLEAN REPORTED THE MEETING IN DETAIL AND CARRIED THE SPEECHES IN FULL. ESSENTIALLY, THEY SEEMED TO COVER THE SAME GROUND AS THE WALL POSTERS. WU TA-SHENG MADE A CONFESSION OF SORTS AT THE MEETING, BUT POSTERS WRITTEN AFTERWARD MADE IT CLEAR THAT HIS SELF-CRITICISM HAD NOT BEEN ACCEPTED BY THE MASS ORGANIZATIONS. THE NEWSPAPER ALSO REPORTED AN INCIDENT IN WHICH THE PUBLIC SECURITY BUREAU HAD ARRESTED FIVE PERSONS IN NANKING ON APRIL 1 FOR WRITING BIG CHARACTER POSTERS AS AN EXAMPLE OF THE TYPE OF ACTION CRITICIZED. IT WAS NOT CLEAR WHETHER OR NOT THIS ARREST HAD ACTUALLY TRIGGERED THE MASS ACTION IN NANKING.

7. MCLEAN COMMENTED THAT THE POSTERS HE READ IN NANKING IMPLIED THE EXISTENCE OF THREE ACTIVE GROUPS IN THE CITY. IN ADDITION TO THE PROVINCIAL AND MUNICIPAL LEADERS UNDER ATTACK AND THE MASS ORGANIZATIONS WHICH HAD SIGNED THE POSTERS, THERE SEEMED TO BE OTHER POSTERS WRITTEN BY A GROUPS WHICH TOOK A MORE RADICAL TACK. THESE POSTERS CALLED FOR "BOMBARDMENT OF THE PARTY COMMITTEE" AND THRUSTING OF THE RED GUARDS FORWARD AS A LEADING ELEMENT IN THE CAMPAIGN. THESE TENDED TO BE VERY ISOLATED AND IN SOME INSTANCES WERE SCRAWLED ON FENCES RATHER THAN BEING FORMAL POSTERS.
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8. SHANTUNG - ON APRIL 7, MCLEAN TOOK A DAYTIME TRAIN THROUGH SHANTUNG BACK TO PEKING. HE SAW POSTERS EVERYWHERE CRITICIZING YUAN SHENG-P'ING. HE ALSO SAW A POSTER CRITICIZING PAI JU-PING AND ONE CRITICIZING CHANG CHIH-HSIU.

9. THE AUSTRALIANS HAVE ASKED US TO HOLD THIS INFORMATION VERY CLOSELY BECAUSE OF THE EASE WITH WHICH IT COULD BE TRACED BACK TO MCLEAN AS THE SOURCE. PLEASE PROTECT.
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